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The Florida Dental Association (FDA) reaffirms its strong support for community water fluoridation as an effective and safe method to reduce dental decay when maintained at the optimal level of 0.7 parts per million.

The recent recommendation by Florida's Surgeon General to halt community water fluoridation, citing alleged neuropsychiatric risks, is based on flawed and unscientific studies. It is important to note that the Surgeon General does not have the authority to mandate fluoridation decisions. These decisions are made locally.

Local city and county commissions have the power to vote on whether to add or remove fluoride from their water systems. These decisions are typically made by a majority vote during public meetings, which are announced in advance with an agenda.

If you become aware of fluoridation discussions in your community, please contact the FDA Governmental Affairs office for support at (850) 224-1089 or gao@floridadental.org.

For more information on community water fluoridation visit:

www.floridafluoridation.org.

[FDA Official Statement on Fluoridation.](#)

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